ments provide funds from their Plan resources.

4342. [*Transferred to the* 5th *September*, 1988].

IAS Officers in Bengal Immunity and Smith Stanstreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

4343. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether two IAS officers who are not in any way trained to head Industrial Units are being appointed as Managing Directors of Bengal Immunity and Smith Stanstreet Pharmaceuticals Limited and if so, reasons thereof ;

(b) whether there is any shortage of qualified technical professionals in the country; and

(c) whether these appointments were sponsored by Public Enterprises Selection Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c) Proposal for appointment of an IAS officer to the post of Managing Director of the Bengal Immunity Company Limited is under consideration of the Govt. This proposal is based on the recommendations of the Public Enterprises Selection Board, whose recommendations are taken into account while making appointment to the posts of Chief Executives/ Functional Directors in Public Sector enterprises. The Govt. is aware of the availability of the qualified technical professionals in the country. The post of Managing Director, Bengal Immunity Company Limited is, however, to be filled by drawing a serving Govt. officer in the special circumstances prevailing in the Company. No proposal to appoint an IAS officer to the post of Managing Director of Smith Stanstreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. is under consideration of the Govt. at present.

Farmers Access to Ground Water

4344. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the new technology has resulted in rich farmers sole access to ground water as reported in Business Standard of 12th July, 1988; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise. In fact, the small and marginal farmers receive sizeable support from Government under Centrally Sponsored and other Schemes for developing assured sources of water supply for irrigation through wells and pumpsets.

Job Reservation in Defence Services

4345. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE, be pleased to state :

(a) whether the policy of reservation of jobs for different sections of society is being followed in all the three wings—Air Force, Navy and Infantry of defence services.

(b) if so, whether there are any shortfalls at various levels; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to fill up these shortfalls ?